

### "GHOST" IS USED IN WORKING THIRD DEGREE

Woman Supposed to Appear and Ask Accused Druggist Why He Killed Her Last October.

HAS NO EFFECT ON HIM HIS ATTORNEYS DECLARE

Previous Attempt to Murder Woman Is One of Reasons Why He Is Thought to Be Guilty.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Los Angeles, Jan. 26.—The "third degree" with a "ghost" as the central figure, was applied by arresting officers in an attempt to obtain from John H. Grondin, a young druggist, a confession to the murder of his wife, Zella, according to a statement made public yesterday by his attorneys.

Grondin's attorneys declared that shortly after he was arrested last night he was taken by detectives into a darkened room, where a "ghost" soon appeared and demanded in gloomy tones: "Why did you murder me?"

Prisoner Shows No Emotion. His attorneys said they considered such methods outrageous, but at the same time positive proof of their client's innocence, as the shadowy form and the dismal question alike failed to move him or to obtain from his the slightest admission of guilt.

Grondin, who was charged with having poisoned his wife and with having attempted to establish that he killed herself by inhaling gas, was said by the police to have tried once before, while living in Portland, Maine, to kill his wife, but for some reason had been afraid to complete the act and had resuscitated her.

Letter Declared Forgery. When Mrs. Grondin was found dead, October 30, last, Grondin made public a note he said had been written by his wife and left as an explanation of her alleged suicide. It contained an admission of infidelity and the hope that he would be happy with the "woman who truly loved him."

Handwriting experts asserted the writing in the note was a forgery and their assertion, coupled with the arrival here from Waterville, Maine, of a wealthy young widow, in whom Grondin was said to be interested, caused the exhumation of Mrs. Grondin's body, although a coroner's jury had decided her a suicide.

Pathologists reported on their examination of Mrs. Grondin's vital organs, saying they had found poison in them. Grondin's arrest followed.

Mrs. Grondin was the daughter of George Daviau, a druggist of Waterville, where she was married to Grondin when he was 21 years old. Mr. Daviau engaged attorneys and detectives shortly after his daughter's death to make an investigation. He also was said to have furnished the authorities here with information concerning Grondin's attempt to kill his wife in Portland, last year.

F. A. M. HAS RECORD GROWTH. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 26.—At its annual report, announced today, officials of the Federation of American Motorcyclists present figures which show that the organization during the year just closed enrolled 5,000 new members from all over the country. The 1913 additions to the membership brought the total up to 25,000 who have joined since the organization of the F. A. M. ten years ago. The F. A. M., it is explained in the report announced today, is purely a riders' organization, which governs all motorcycle competitions, and which, by the establishment of a new bureau last year, affords motorcycle tourists all sorts of valuable information in regard to routes and accommodations on such routes when extensive trips are to be made. Included in this information are the best roads to follow, hotels where best accommodations can be had, the average price of gasoline in different sections, and the location of sundry shops along the routes, where repairs can be made.

## Bad Blood

Is a poisonous and dangerous thing. It affects every organ and function and brings about that low condition that predisposes to most diseases and ailments. HOOD'S SASSAPARILLA corrects it, and makes pure blood.

### OPEN FORUM.

#### ROAD BONDS.

Editor Capital Journal: We want the facts about this bonding business and not to see what we can say about one another, so let us have the facts. From what I can learn, it is desired by the bond promoters, if they can get the 40 miles of Pacific Highway across the county built of the best pavement to be had, they will be satisfied to let the county have rock or gravel road anywhere else. If they can get the county court to give them the sum of \$150,000 toward that piece of road then the state has consented to give \$150,000 and they will soon have the road complete.

Section 13. All moneys raised under the provisions of this act shall be used in constructing permanent roads in the county, which roads shall be constructed by the county court under its exclusive jurisdiction and such expert assistants as they may employ.

Of course every man in the county will want his road paved and it will be strange if the court can settle the matter without some loud times. The Statesman says there will be money enough to build the paved way across the county and then 135 miles of rock road elsewhere, and then says the rock road is good for nothing. I will be satisfied to see good rock roads all over the county. There is a pretty good piece of rock road beginning at the Reform school and then going south for a mile or so. Quite a good piece of rock road in South Salem. The roads from Salem to Dallas and Independence are fairly good roads, I know they are much better than they were 20 years ago. The 175 miles just spoken of are not all of the county roads and it will be a number of years before all of them will be made good. The large part of the roads traveled by the rural mail carriers are across roads and back ways that will be only dirt roads for a long time to come.

This act authorizing the bonding of the county for the building of good roads also by sections 14 and 20 makes the county court and treasurer into a banking house, four years after the bonds are issued the court commences levying a tax and collecting the same year after year to redeem the bonds when due. They put this money out in the hands of the different banks in the county at 3 per cent interest or they loan it on real estate at 6 per cent so if the whole amount of \$850,000 is in bonds by the time they are due they will have in their bank the full amount. If congress had only gotten hold of this scheme for helping the farmers it would not have taken them so long to give us the currency bill. Bond the county, then tax the taxpayer to buy the bonds back, then loan the real estate owners the money to carry on their business with. Mr. Rodgers thinks I forgot the interest on the sinking fund. I did not forget it but kept it for another article. But he figures that our county bankers can get out of the people in the county who are anxious to borrow, the sum of \$290,000 interest. If they can get that much it will be a good plan to keep the man the business. The law says these bankers must do this amount of business without any cost to the county. I would like to know how they do it.

DENTER FIELD. Salem, Jan. 23, 1914.

#### WOULD DROP BOND PLAN.

Editor Capital Journal: The post office department at Washington has announced that at an early date the weight limit on parcels will be advanced to 100 pounds. The mail service along our rural routes will call for improved highways. These the national

government is preparing to build as is shown by the appropriation of \$25,000,000 for the construction of post roads, now pending before congress.

Oregon's share of this large fund will be \$120,000. Adding this to the \$240,000 state road fund, there would be a splendid beginning in the campaign for better roads.

It would seem the part of wisdom to drop the present agitation for an \$850,000 bond issue by Marion county to build public highways and see which can be done with the funds which will be apportioned to us for road purposes. CONSIDERATION. Brooks, Ore., Jan. 21, 1914.

#### LANDS AND BONDS.

Editor Capital Journal: I enclose clipping in regard to "lands and bonds" from Up-to-Date Farming, which will doubtless be of considerable interest at this time. The article follows:

"Propositions are often made in government affairs of the effect of which people need to be warned. The most deceptive one that has been presented for many years is variously discussed as rural credits, farm loan banks, mortgage bonds, etc. Whatever form this takes it ends with a scheme for the issue of marketable bonds on land, the farms and homes of the people. We are sorry to say this scheme is advocated by papers otherwise devoted to the welfare and progress of agriculture. We quote the following from a prominent November magazine: 'But to complete the job of financial reform is needed an adequate method of farm finance. The new law required to provide this need may be the first important act of congress at its regular session, which begins in December. It must enable farm bonds to vie with government bonds, so as to insure safety to investors and reasonable rates to borrowers.'"

"As we have said this is a most seductive proposition. Most people would like to have more money, and proposals to make it easy for them to get money on long time at a low rate of interest are attractive, and were it possible to do so many farmers would contract such debts as would otherwise remain free from debt and yet be just about as prosperous. But that is not the worst feature of the proposition. There never before was anything proposed so dangerous to the independent homes of the people of the United States as the issuing of marketable bonds based on these homes. Every bond is a lien upon that on which it is issued, and the owners of those bonds would have liens upon the lands and homes upon which they were issued.

"The bonds being marketable would be bought up by the financiers and financial institutions of the country that now control almost everything else but the farms, and soon the farms would be thus owned as the railroads, manufacturing concerns and other industrial institutions are now owned. Make the land bonds vie with government bonds, and soon such a thing as an independent home owned by its occupant, a free and independent American citizen, would be a thing unknown. The American people would not surrender their independence. They would fight through rivers of blood first. But they may be induced to sell it for money borrowed at a low rate of interest."

SUBSCRIBER, Route 8, Salem, Oregon.

#### DENVER HOUSEWIVES COMBINE.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Denver, Jan. 26.—To organize all the housewives of Denver in a fight for pure food and lower food prices, a Denver branch of the National Housewives League was formed here today. Mrs. C. M. Lillie was elected president. The movement has the backing of the Denver Woman's club. Mrs. Julian D. Heath of New York City is the National president of the league.

#### DIVE FATAL TO AVIATOR.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] London, Jan. 26.—George Lee Temple, British aviator, was killed today while flying at Bandon. He was making a difficult dive when a gust of wind caught the tail of his monoplane and the machine crashed to the ground. The aviator's neck was broken.

Temple was the first British aviator to make a flight upside down in this country.

## PARTNER OF DELARM ACCUSED AS SWINDLER

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 26.—George Hodges, in charge of Postal Inspector Durand and Prosecuting Attorney McGuire, was taken to Portland, Or., on the boat from here last night to face a charge of using the United States mail to defraud. The charge is brought in connection with the sale of orchard lands. He waived extradition.

Hodges is wanted in Portland on an old indictment charging him with fraudulent use of the mails in connection with the exploitation of the Columbia River Orchard company. Hodges was indicted at the same time indictments were returned against the late W. E. De Larm, R. H. McWhorter, A. J. Biehl and H. H. Humphries. Biehl was convicted before Judge Bean in the United States District court last January and is now serving a term in the United States prison.

The part Hodges is said to have played in the affairs of the Columbia River Orchards company was as secretary of the Oregon-Washington Trust company, which it is charged was organized for the purpose of handling the bonds of the orchard company. Hodges is said to have been very active in marketing the bonds.

De Larm is believed to have died at Placerville, Cal., shortly before he was indicted in Portland.

#### CHICAGO HOUSE WILL TAKE CARE OF LOGANBERRIES

Jesse Huber, a loganberry grower of South Bottom, says he has solved the problem of finding a market for the berries grown in this county, through a Chicago mail order house, which advises that it can easily take care of the product.

"The immense distributing facilities of this house," said Mr. Huber, "through parcel post, freight and express, brings it in touch with virtually every home in the United States. It is backed with \$20,000,000.

"In its evaporated form the loganberry will be offered to all customers at reasonable prices."

#### HE OVERLOOKED THEM.

The Man—Crackmen got into a meat market and stole \$500 from the safe. The Woman—Goodness! Were there no eggs in stock!

#### THE ROUND-UP.

Pupils of the Woodlawn schools have \$5,820.81 in the banks of Portland.

A suit is on at Ashland to decide the legality of the auto license. It is up before Judge Calkins, and will be decided in a few days.

The certified check for \$500,000 for payment of Jackson county road bonds has been received and the money will be available early in February, or as soon as the bonds can be printed and delivered.

Fire destroyed the store building at Broadmead, about eight miles east of Sheridan, Friday night. The loss is about \$1500.

Senator Bourne has been presented a gold plate by citizens of Nehalem, Tillamook, Bay City and Wheeler, the presentation being made to him at Washington Friday.

The Cove-Minam wagon road, running from Cove into the mountains 14 miles and tapping a rich timber section, has been completed, the work having been done by the forestry department.

Wild geese and ducks are destroying the grain fields of Umatilla county, and, as it is against the law to kill them, the farmers will ask the government to take charge of the matter, and give them protection.

The thaw in Baker county, beginning Thursday, wound up with a snow storm.

# THE LAST WEEK



## Of Our January Clearance Sale!!

Time now to buy undermuslins. You should buy liberally of these garments not only because prices are so low, but because qualities are so high. Six big tables full of these dainty undermuslins.

### Special One-Half Price

### Blankets, Comforts, Pillows

Our entire stock of bedding at greatly reduced prices. Wool Blankets—pure white wool blankets, 72x80. Regular \$10 blankets.

Special, \$3.98.

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"Richardson's Famous" table cloths, napkins, lunch cloths, tea cloths, dresser scarfs, table runners, guest towels, bath towels, in short every linen need can be supplied here.

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and at Sumpter there was a fall of four feet of snow that blocked the "Polyany Central" road, the Sumpter Valley, for 24 hours, and was only broken by the big snow plows.

One of the armies of the idle reached Roseberg Friday, and will march on to California. It is stated that the engineer in charge of the Pacific highway, at Ashland, will abandon the plan of building the road with convict labor, and will give work to the unemployed gangs.

Oregon has had nearly half an inch more than the average rainfall since September 1st.

Portland population is 243,327. This is the official estimate of the city department of public works, reached after extensive research, in which the United States census, the last school census, the postoffice reports and the city directory were taken into consideration.

Labor note in Astoria's 30-years-old column: 'The Standard reports that there are about 1500 railroad laborers out of employment in Albina and East Portland.'

Public library advocates at Corvallis have outlined before the city council a plan. Their hope is "to unite all the club libraries in the city in one at the city hall, and some day get a home for it."

The boys in the manual training department of the Eugene high school are constructing an extension to the shop now in use. The work is being done entirely by students. The plans were drawn by a student in the architectural drawing course.

#### ROAD TO DEATH VALLEY.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 26.—F. M. (Borax) Smith is to build a railroad to his borax mines in Death Valley. Articles of incorporation of the Valley railroad company were filed today in the secretary of state's office.

#### MUFFLED KNOCKS.

Solomon must have been a wise man. What would you do for excuses if about 250 or your 500 wives wanted to know where you were last night when you crawl in about daylight?

A sportsman is a city guy who pays \$42.60 for the privilege of coming home with the mangled remains of a twenty-five cent rabbit.

The man who owns a big automobile is always willing to agree with you when you argue that walking is the finest exercise.

Every now and then you run across a Ph. D. who can't tell his son how to find the greatest common denominator.

Some men seem always to be going away or coming back from somewhere. The people who are clamoring for the teaching of sex knowledge in the schools seem to forget that old nature has been attending to that for the past 19,000 years and somehow or other made a pretty good job of it.

Give them credit, fellows. Maybe the reason they don't thank us when we offer them a seat in a street car is because they are speechless with astonishment.

And you couldn't notice the high cost of living in the days when a bride thought a bed quilt was a dandy wedding present.

When a fellow can hand a girl a dime's worth of junk and stained glass and she believes it is a \$200 engagement ring—that is Love.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

#### WOMAN WINS OWN SUIT.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Olympia, Wash., Jan. 26.—Mrs. Clarissa Bailey, of Seattle, who during the last term of the supreme court was allowed the unusual privilege of arguing her own case, after she had disagreed with her attorney, was awarded a reduction of nearly \$17,000 in street assessments against her property, in a decision handed down Saturday.

Mrs. Bailey, who is of Indian extraction, asked and was accorded the right to argue her own case after she had seen two women lawyers on opposite sides of a case the previous day.

#### LIQUOR MEN TO FIGHT SPEAKEASIES IN SCRANTON

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Scranton, Pa., Jan. 26.—Saloonkeepers and wholesale and retail liquor dealers are going to make Scranton absolutely dry on Sundays. The liquor dealers and saloonkeepers met here today in conference with Mayor Edmund B. Jernan to plan a campaign to abolish the speakeasy, to regulate the sale of bottled beer, and to put out of business the "clubs" which heretofore have held open house with beer "drawn from the wood" on Sundays.

#### THE GENTLE CYNIC.

The fellow who sows his wild oats deserves to reap a grass widow. The despondent lover shouldn't lose his heart. Let the successful lover lose his.

We are all attracted by our opposites. That may explain why a woman always likes man who is a good listener. Experience is a good school, but some of us never get beyond the kindergarten stage.

Probably the reason discretion is the better part of valor is because it can run faster.

There is quite a difference between a close friend and a close-mouthed one. When we speak of a delicate situation we generally mean an indecent one.

How can there be safety in numbers when too many cooks spoil the broth? It is quite possible that the world is happier because one-half doesn't know how the other half lives.

The pessimist divides his time between wanting what he doesn't get and getting what he doesn't want.

When duty calls, some people always send word they are out. Many a man is so skeptical that he wouldn't believe his own conscience. Quantity isn't everything. A pint of happiness is worth a peck of trouble. Beauty is only skin deep, but the rhinoceros never blows his own horn about it.—New York Times.

It's terrible to be obliged to love by contract.

## MR. HENRY PECK AND HIS FAMILY AFFAIRS . . . By Gross



HEY! QUICK, BOYS, HERES MAIL FROM NEW YORK FROM HENRY PECK

New York Dec. 13, 1913  
Dear Joe— Believe me Joe, New York is some gay village. I've after a guy gets that first boiler-factory sensation out of his lean he can't walk ten steps without pumping his nose into a subway station, a few hundred saloons or honest politicians I was giving the City Hall the once-over. On one side of the door it says 'pull' on the other 'push', which as the wife says means you need a pull to get in with the push.

And the cafes Joe, say, every time I ask a cop the way I keep both hands in my pockets and my coat buttoned. And the restaurants, Joe, they don't talk English here at all. If a guy asks for a ham sandwich with some Swedish hollers out. 'Pig between the sheets' One up! And the swell restaurants are just as bad. They hand you your change on a plate. Maybe that's to create the illusion that you're in church with a collection plate in front of you.

And the plays Joe—A guy can walk down the lane without seeing such signs as "The Best Bow", "The White Slave of the Red Right Joint", "Dopey Dorems", the dope of "Dopey Alley", or some such attraction with a hop, joint and three crooked police inspectors in it. By God, Joe, the only place you can find an author of clean plays these days is on the Broad Lane or the Poor House.

I hope I haven't rode in the subway yet my life insurance policy is only good from next week on. The barber-shops Joe! By God they do a fellow good in a barber-shop here. The only thing I don't see is why Jesse James reeked his life on the western plains when for the small sum of a couple of hundred bucks he could have opened a barber shop in New York. And a very good-changed barber in New York that recommended a hair restorer to me was so bald the flies had a perfect skating rink on his dome. Well Joe I must close now. Give my regards to the boys and tip 'em off that the Spanish War is over and Taft and Roosevelt are running for President in the mean time. au revoir your pal Henry Peck

HENRY JR. SAYS  
P.S. IF YOU DONT GET THIS WRITE TO ME AND ILL SEND ANOTHER ONE  
HENRY PECK JR.